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May daze craze raves for two days

By JACK KELLY
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May Daze 2K. The Big Wheels, the potato salad, the football, and most importantly, Bobby Llama. I think we can all agree that this sums up not only May Daze 2K, but Clarke College in a nutshell. There was a variety of people from small children to the elderly all enjoying the vast array of activities provided for everyone during May Daze on April 28th and 29th.

The event, in its third year here at Clarke, is organized by CREATE. Many different groups and clubs sponsor the event which features games and food stands. For instance, the band "Bobby Llama" and the movie *The Sixth Sense* on Friday, Saturday's endless roster of crazy games and silly events from intramural sports sponsored by the one and only Dan Corken, and the delicious sno cones from the junior class.

But even the sno cones couldn't help to cool down the many participants as was evident from all of the jumbo drink containers that were present on this hot Dubuque weekend.

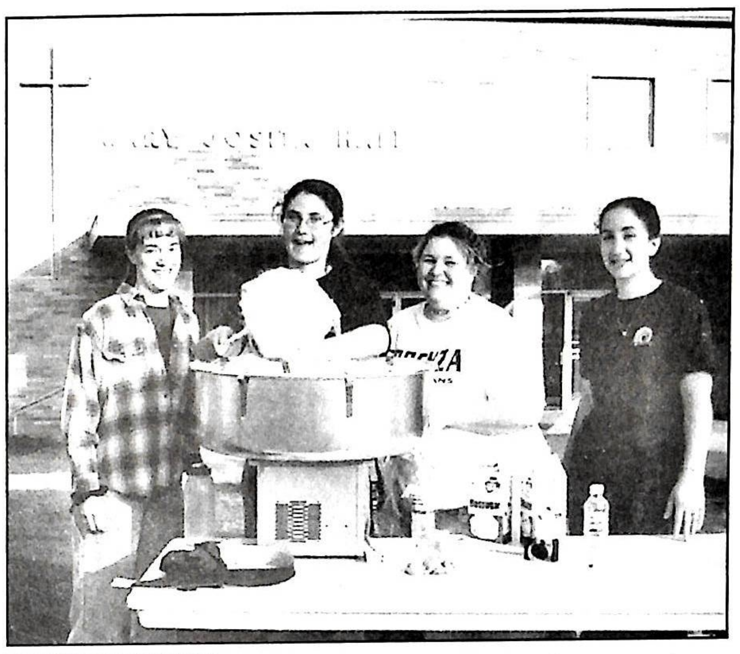
Then there was that wacky comedian David J, (The Capital *J* is for all those nutty JOKES, get it?) who sparked up the evening with an entertaining set along with the a cappella group "Blind Mans Bluff."

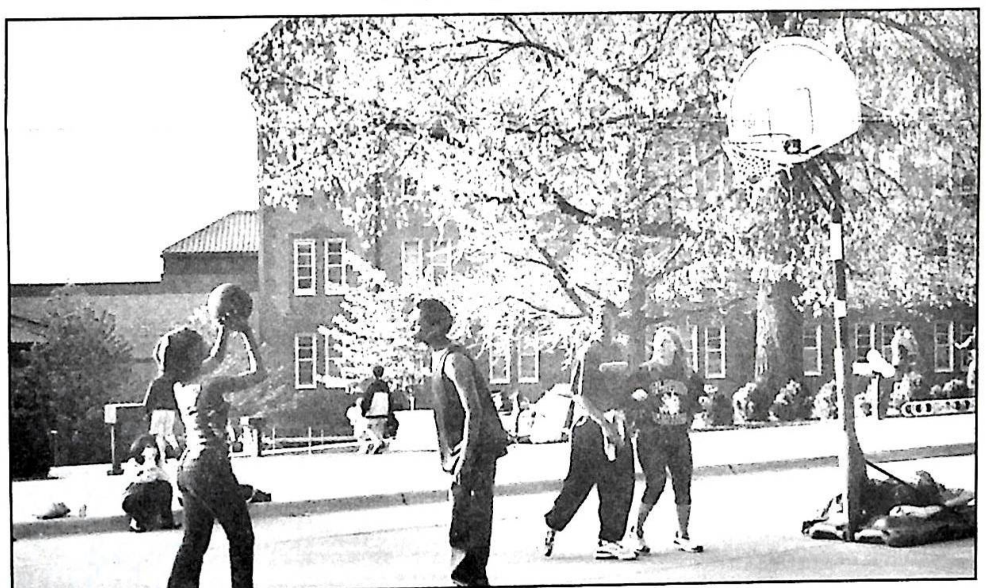
The barbecue presented by the Food Service was outstanding as always! This feeling was expressed about not only the food but the activities and entertainment.

"The Big Wheel race had to be the highlight of my social life here at Clarke,"said freshman Andy Haggas said.

This feeling was shared by Luis Gonzalez: " I have not seen such a festival of the streets since the April Fair of Seville in '94!"

With such reviews, the May Daze of 2001 can only hope to match the entertainment provided by this year's festival.





Sugar and Sports

Above: (from left) Rebecca Raydon, Julie Kretzmer, Shanna Harding, and Lila Sous spin a cloud of cotton candy.

Left: (from left) Karima Allen, Tomas Gutierrez, Aaron Blanton, and Kelcey Dillon take advantage of Clarke Drive for a pickup game of hoops.

Photos by Corrine Grace

The giving continues

By TIFFANEY KRAEMER
Staff Writer

Before Christmas break, sophomore class president Colleen Thompson decided to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate. Thompson and the sophomore class have been collecting food and money this semester for a family they adopted in December.

When we last talked to Thompson, the family had received presents and a dinner for Christmas. At the time, they were planning a sledding day with the family and also a trip to see a movie. All has gone well.

Thompson took the two youngest children to see the *Tigger Movie*. This was the first time these children had ever been to a theater. "They were very excited," said Thompson. "They wouldn't keep quiet, though." Unfortunately, the big sledding day didn't take place. "There was no snow to go sledding!" exclaimed Thompson.

Thompson recently finished the collection and delivered the food, toys, and clothing personally to the family. "There was so much stuff, it barely all fit in my car," said Thompson. Also, Easter baskets were created for the children.

With the school year wrapping up, so is the relationship with the family. But Thompson remains in touch with the family; she tries to call once a week to see how things are going.

"I think this family has truly benefited from our help," said Thompson. "I've seen how a little work can make such a big difference."

Clarke cares in Appalachia

By ANDY SCHROEDER
Staff Writer

Most people spent their Easter break kickin' back and relaxing, while others may have went back home to see their family one last time before finals. Others yet may have written a paper or caught up on some work that needed to be done two weeks ago.

For a particular group of Clarke students none of the above apply. Over the Easter break, a service trip to the Appalachian Mountains allowed students to give up their time to help the less fortunate. The group spent a week in Harlan County, Kentucky. While there they worked with a family of eleven, went to a grade school and taught the students about Iowa. They also helped by cleaning up a riverbank and delivering Easter baskets of food to families in the community.

The group didn't work around the clock. In their free time they were able to visit a coal mine and climb the Appalachian Mountains. When asked what her favorite thing about the trip was, freshman Jeni Ziegler replied, "Watching God work through the people we were surrounded by. I would go back in a heart beat."

The Clarke Appalachia team poses for a picture after a long day of work.

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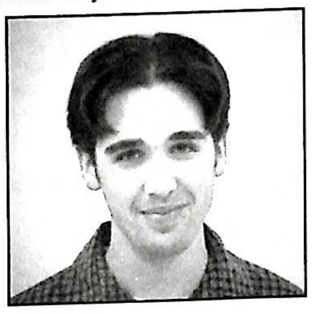
Summer of John Wayne 2000 - GIDDY UP!

By JED THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Does the date May 26 mean anything to you? Probably not, but it's actually a very special day. It's the day John Wayne was born. Not only that, it's the day I was born. John Wayne and I share the same birthday; is that great or what? But that's not all, we were also both born in Iowa. I've always felt that I've had a lot in common with John. The only real difference between us is that John's starred in tons of movies.



I've seen very few of John Wayne's movies, but I know they are nearly all westerns. John Wayne has become an American hero by playing similar cowboy rolls in every one of his films. The cowboys he has played have made him a man who people respect and love, the two things that everybody desires.

That's why on May 11 after my last final exam I'm leaving Dubuque and beginning my life as John Wayne. I will officially be a cowboy. John Wayne has shown me that life on the range is better than anything civilization has to offer. For example, I don't have a car here and I'm sick and tired of having no way to getting around other than walking. That's why I need a horse. If I had a horse I would have a ride to wherever I needed to go and I would also have a new friend. His name would be "Jefferson."

People may think that I sound crazy, but I'm not. This society has nothing more to offer me. I'd rather spend my time sitting around the campfire than watching TV in my dorm room. Don't get me wrong, Clarke is a great place, but the West is where heroes are made.

When school ends I will head immediately to Montana where I will start my life as John Wayne. I'm going to lay claim to 11 acres of land just west of Butte, and with the company of only my horse Jefferson, I will operate a buffalo ranch. The buffalo there will be all I need to survive. I will eat them for food and make clothing and shelter from their hides. My buffalo will also protect me from the people who try to come and tell me that I'm insane. The buffalo will be my army.

There won't be any roads to my ranch and you won't find it on any map. If you find me you're either a lost hiker or horseback rider …you won't be returning.

Please don't think that I'm doing this for no reason. I'm not. I won't do anything John Wayne wouldn't approve of. He comes to me in my dreams. He tells me things and he asks me questions. He asks me what I'm doing and why I'm living my life the way I am. I don't know how to answer him.

I learn other things from him too. He points out to me that I've never really met him. There's no way of me knowing that John Wayne ever existed as a real person. His birthday is supposedly May 26, but the only person I know born on that day is me.

I understand what he's trying to tell me…I am John Wayne… I am "The Duke!"

Clarke helps out on Capitol Hill

By JEN GEORGEN
Staff Writer

Twenty-four student's and faculty form Clarke and Loras spent Easter Break in our nation's capital fighting social injustice. The group volunteered time across the city in different organizations whose goal was to fight homelessness, hunger, and issues related to the topic. They also participated in a protest condemning nuclear bombs.

"My favorite part of the trip was the van ride," freshman Sarah Roepke said. "It was interesting being cooped up with seven people for twenty hours each way. We had a lot of bonding, finding out about one another and telling stories."

Senior Jim Heinz said, "When we were touring some monuments, we noticed homeless on grates and benches. It's hard to believe in the capitol of 'the most powerful country' homelessness is an issue."

The education majors in the group were offered a tour of the Education Department where they met the Teacher in Residence Mary Beth Blegen. Junior Patty Roob was able to attend.

"It was wonderful to hear her. She talked about how teaching evolves and teachers have to figure out how to evolve with it. She said they weren't alone and needed to figure out new teaching techniques with each other," Roob said. "Mary Beth was an inspiration for me. It was a once in a lifetime experience."

At the end of the week the team went to the Pentagon to protest nuclear arms. It was a peaceful protest where the Stations of the Cross were read and blood poured on the steps to represent all those that die from the bombs. The symbolism between Good Friday and the protest was clever.

Senior Amy Zeidler said, "It was cool to see the relationship between Jesus' resurrection and nuclear arms. By protesting we take a stand against nuclear arms and the government sees that."

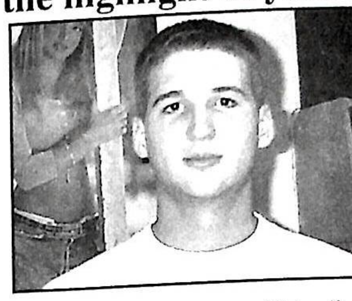
I myself went and learned a lot about social injustices and how to overcome them. My favorite part was working in DC kitchen where I got to cut potatoes for two hours straight. All in all it was a pretty fun and interesting trip.

Members of the D.C. team pose by a fountain at the National Mall.

ON THE STREET

By JEAN FRANCIONE
Photographer

What will the highlight of your summer be?



"The coolest thing about my summer will be living in my first apartment. It's with six guys down at Illinois State University. The apartment was rated as the best party apartment on campus by the ISU college newspaper. It's big with a skylight and a six man Jacuzzi, so I can't wait."-Abe Zeller

"We are so excited because we are going to go to Chicago for Ellen's family reunion together. Then later in the summer we will be going back there for Q101's Jamboree concert extravaganza!"-Ellen Goodmann, Ashley Hobbs

"I have a lot of concerts planned this summer. Phish, Radiohead, The Black Crows with Jimmy page and Roger Daltry. I will also be traveling to New Jersey for a rave out there."-Tonia Zyble

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Men's Golf Repeats as NIIC Champs

Cochrane and Co. Win Second Straight Conference Title

by GABRIEL JOHNSON
co-sports editor

Jon Davison's Clarke men's golf team finished up their season in El Paso, Illinois, on April 28-29 by repeating as the 1999-2000 NIIC Champions. The linksters took first last year in their '98-'99 campaign at the Meadows Golf Course in Dubuque. Leading the way this year for the Crusaders and claiming medallist and Player of the Year honors was junior Jon Cochrane of Plymouth, Minnesota.

Jon Cochrane

Clarke had a strong 32-stroke lead from the Fall NIIC Tournament in Rockford firing a team total of 652. The venue was turned over to Eureka College and played in El Paso for the Spring NIIC Tournament. Clarke was able to build on their lead this past weekend, winning by a commanding 93 strokes. Clarke finished with a 652-630-1282 total. Eureka came in second with a 1375, followed by Rockford, Aurora, and Benedictine.

Cochrane led they way with a 157-155-312. Sophomore Kevin Hagen of Racine, Wisconsin took second with a 162-155-317, and junior Gabe Johnson from Cedar Rapids, carding a 166-159-325, took third. Junior Garett Christianson finished in ninth place with 345. Cochrane, Hagen, and Johnson all took all-conference honors.

"We wanted to prove a point to the other teams with a good team score," said medalist Jon Cochrane. "This season our team has gotten better. By next fall we should be able to win some tournaments and be competitive with teams outside our conference."

Head coach Jon Davison agrees with Cochrane concerning the team's improvement. "We've come so far this year compared to prior years," said Davison. "We're always working towards the things that make our team a success."

The repeat win was a pretty good finish on a pretty good season. Clarke took second at the Loras College Invitational led by Johnson's fifth-place finish with a 79. Johnson again led Clarke to fourth place at the Wartburg Invitational with a 153. Cochrane, with a 77, and Clarke took third at the Mount Mercy Amana Classic. Johnson and Cochrane both earned NIIC Players of the Week this season for their solid play.

Coach Jon Davison

Davison feels the team has made great strides this season partly due to great leadership. "I'm proud of the leadership of our top three players," said Davison. "They've consistently been there every tournament."

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Men's Tennis Finishes Strong

By JOSE DEJESUS
Co- Sports Editor

The Clarke men's tennis team finished its season with a 5-3 record overall, including a 2-2 record in conference.

This year the team was better than last year. The team played pretty solid, and even though they started the season with five players before three more joined the team, they turned in an outstanding season.

"One of the most exciting moments this season was when we played at the Greater Dubuque Tournament and defeated Loras 5-4," said freshmen Matt Magnifici. It really made up for the early season loss against them." It was the first time that Clarke has defeated Loras in a tennis tournament.

Magnifici said that becoming a more well-rounded tennis player and competing at a college level were some of the goals that he accomplished this season.

Even though the team finished pretty strong, Magnifici said, "We played excellent in the NIIC conference tournament, but we fell short of the team goal of finishing second or third respectively."

Freshman Doug Wumkes said, "Going out there with some fun and being third in singles, which I didn't expect, was a pretty good feeling and a goal reached.

Wumkes said that Matt Monahan was the most consistent player overall on the team and that really helped a lot.

Next year, there are a few good players returning to the team and with a couple good freshmen coming in, they should be able to compete for the NIIC championship next season.

Spring Sports Wrap Up

By GABRIEL JOHNSON
Co-Sports Editor

The Clarke College spring sports wrapped up their seasons recently in their conference tournaments. The women's softball took second place in the NIIC Tournament. Benedictine took the crown from Clarke, winning two in a row, 3-0 and 1-0. The softball team finished with an overall record of 24-16.

The Crusader men's baseball team completed its season with a third place showing in the NIIC Tournament held in Eureka, Illinois. Clarke finished with a 15-30 record overall.

The men's volleyball team finished its season ranked sixth nationally in the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division III Coaches Top 15 poll. The season was highlighted by a win over defending national champion University of La Verne.

Jaron Warner of Marrero, La., and Melissa Sohre of Good Thunder, Minn., were named the Crusaders' top senior male and female Athlete of the Year in their respective sports. Warner was given honorable mention Division III All-American honors in basketball and Sohre was a member of three basketball and two softball conference championships.

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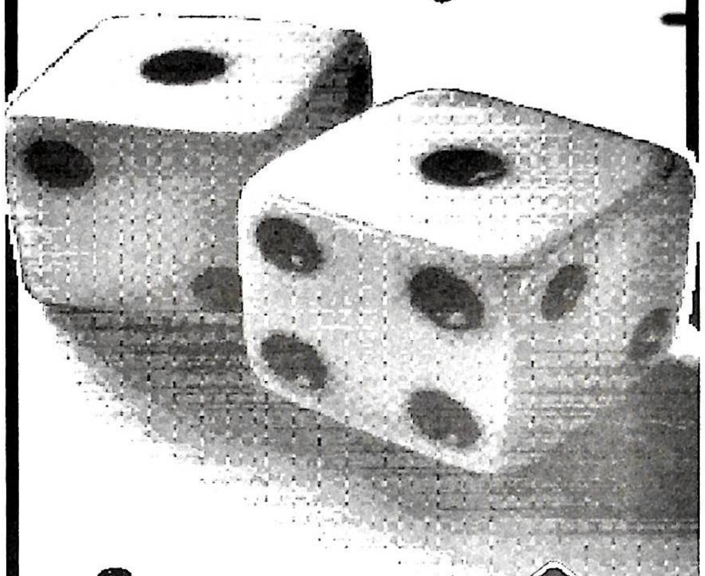

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Friday, May 5
Career Services Walk-In Week
Last Day of Classes
Honors Banquet, Cafeteria 5:15 p.m

Tuesday, May 9
Textbook Buyback in the
Student Activity Center 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Study Break-MSS

Thursday, May 11
Residence halls close for all students
involved in commencement

Friday, May 12
Nursing Pinning

Saturday, May 13
Baccalaurate Liturgy 10 a.m.
Graduation 2 p.m.

Monday, May 15
Student employment timecards
due to financial aid.
Begin Summer Liturgy Schedule

Congratulations Graduates!

BVM president to receive honorary doctorate at 2000 commencement.

Clarke will present Dolores Marie McHugh, BVM, president of the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with an honorary doctoral degree at Clarke's 157th Commencement on Saturday, May 13. Approximately 250 undergraduate and graduate degree candidates will participate in this spring's commencement activities at Clarke. Commencement will also include reflections from two valedictorian's this year. Jessica Gosen, a philosophy major from Dyersville, and Connie Picken, an accounting major from Bellevue, have been named co-valedictorians.

McHugh will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities and will also give the commencement address. She was born in Ambridge, Pennsylvania, and entered the BVM congregation in 1949 from Phoenix, Ariz.

From 1984-1992 she was vice president of the Sisters of Charity, BVM and served on the Carmel High School Board of Directors in Mundelein, Illinois.

McHugh became president of the Sisters of Charity, BVM in 1992 and will complete her term in late July.

She has been a member of the Clarke College Board of Trustees since 1980 and serves on its corporate board, executive committee and new membership committee.

PR Sem Class Announces Prize Winners

Are you one of the almost 200 Clarke students who returned a Public Relations Seminar survey in April about the new Student Activity Center, complete with a clip-slip that entered you in a prize drawing?

Now it can be told. Freshmen Heidi Zittergreen, sophomores John Grossman, Shelly Pins, and Rob Walton, junior Joanna Griebel, senior Joel Klunke and Time Saver student Bev Knockle all won prizes donated by the Whitlow Bookstore. In addition, everyone who returned a completed survey received a coupon for a fee drink, courtesy of the Crusader Café.

Gredel Berrios, Kelli Clark, Michael Cyze, Jen Georgen, and Gabriel Johnson spent much of the spring semester working on the survey.

Nursing Commission Evaluation

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) will be conducting an on-site evaluation of the Clarke College nursing program on October 9-11, 2000.

Interested parties are invited to provide written input into the deliberations of the evaluation team.

Written and signed comments will be accepted by CCNE until September 9, 2000.

Comments should be directed to: *Mark Jenkins, CCNE Accreditation Coordinator One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530 Washington, DC 20036-1120.*

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